

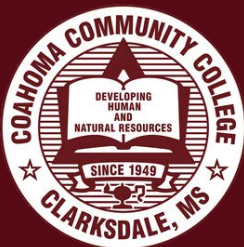
NEWSLETTER



New Members Inducted into Campus Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Clarksdale, MS- The Alpha Omicron Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Society proudly inducted 51 new members during their spring ceremony, marking a significant milestone for the organization. As part of this celebration, the chapter also welcomed its new officers: Anderson Walker as 1st Vice President, Adrianna Dawson as 2nd Vice President, Khamara McClenton as Secretary, Aaliyah Thompson as Treasurer, Darron Griffin as Historian, Rhymes Chess as Vice President of Scholarship, Shadiah Robinson as Vice President of Leadership, Jazell Moore as Vice President of Service, Alexis Young as Vice President of Fellowship, Mackenzie Newsom as Vice President of Membership, and Toniah Watts as Vice President of Social Media.

The Alpha Omicron Pi Chapter, which was established in 1988, continues to uphold its legacy of excellence, fostering leadership, scholarship, and service within its community.



March

Quote of the Month

"The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you."

- B.B. King

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WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

Greetings, Tigers and Friends!

Welcome to the official Coahoma Community College Monthly Newsletter – your go-to source for the latest campus highlights, student achievements, faculty features, and community engagement updates.

This publication serves as a vibrant platform to showcase the impactful programs, academic excellence, and Tiger pride that define the Coahoma experience. As champions of education, leadership, and service, we continue to uphold our mission of transforming lives and building stronger communities throughout the Mississippi Delta and beyond.

Through this newsletter, we aim to keep you informed, connected, and inspired as we celebrate our growth and continue striving toward excellence.

Thank you for being a part of the CCC family. Let's continue roaring forward – together!

With Tiger Pride,
Office of Communications & Marketing
Coahoma Community College



In this newsletter you will find:

Latest events, campus news, resources, and more.

A Letter From Dr. Valmadge T. Towner

5th President of Coahoma Community College



Welcome to Coahoma Community College

Dear Coahoma Family,

Welcome to Coahoma Community College—a place where tradition meets transformation, and where each student becomes part of a legacy rooted in excellence, resilience, and purpose.

Since 1949, Coahoma has stood as a beacon of opportunity and progress in the Mississippi Delta and beyond. From our earliest days, we have remained committed to providing access to quality education, nurturing talent, and empowering individuals to pursue their dreams.

Our history is rich with stories of perseverance, achievement, and community. Generations of students have walked these halls, each leaving a mark and contributing to the proud legacy we carry today. And while we honor those who came before us, we are equally focused on the future—investing in innovation, student success, and opportunities that will shape the next generation of leaders.

At Coahoma, you are more than a student or staff member—you are part of a family that believes in growth, connection, and the power of education to transform lives.

Thank you for choosing to be a part of this journey. We're glad you're here.

Sincerely,

Valmadge T. Towner
President, Coahoma Community College



Coahoma Community College to Celebrate Cultural Awareness Week

CLARKSDALE, Miss. – Coahoma Community College will host its annual Cultural Awareness Week from April 7–13, 2025, celebrating 76 years of history, tradition, and transformation. The weeklong series of events will highlight the college’s legacy, engage students and alumni, and foster community spirit.

Cultural Awareness Events

The schedule includes a variety of programs ranging from academic discussions to campus traditions and community service.

On **April 7**, the series will begin with the Tiger Trailblazer Talk at 10 a.m. in the Georgia Lewis Theatre, where CCC alumni from different decades will share their experiences. At 11:30 a.m., the CCC Birthday Bash will take place at the Zee A. Barron Union, featuring music and birthday cake to commemorate the college’s founding. The day will conclude with Spring Splash at 6:30 p.m. on the Wellness Center lawn, offering water games for students.

April 8 will focus on the college’s legacy, beginning with the Founders Day Convocation at 11 a.m. in Pinnacle. In the evening, students will have the opportunity to attend a Skating Excursion in Cleveland, Mississippi, at 6:30 p.m. Transportation is available for \$1, with sign-ups required at the Student Engagement Office.



On **April 9**, students considering further education can meet with representatives during College Transfer Day at 10 a.m. in the Zee A. Barron Union. At 11 a.m., the Scholars Bowl in the Whiteside Hall Lecture Room will challenge students with a history-themed competition, hosted by Professor Wanda Lee. The day will conclude with the Midnight Breakfast Club at 10 p.m. in the cafeteria, featuring food and entertainment.

The Coronation and Crowning of Mr. and Miss Coahoma Community College will take place on **April 10** at 6:30 p.m. in Pinnacle. This year’s theme, “Crowning Glory: A Roaring Twenties Tiger Celebration,” will be followed by a Royal Ball.

On **April 11**, students and faculty will participate in “Loving on CCC” Campus Service Day, beginning at 10 a.m., working together to improve areas of the campus.

The week will conclude on April 13 with the Spring Choir Concert at 6:30 p.m. at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church, featuring a performance by the CCC Choral Department. Cultural Awareness Week serves as an opportunity for students, faculty, alumni, and the surrounding community to celebrate Coahoma Community College’s history while looking ahead to its future.



Coahoma Students Shine at Statewide FBLA Competition

C Coahoma Community College students earned statewide recognition at the 2025 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Competition, held Feb. 26–28 at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Biloxi.

Karmese Leflore and Arriyana Holmes represented Coahoma in the categories of Business Communication, Job Interview, and Supply Chain Management. Leflore earned a third-place finish in Business Communication, a notable achievement in the students' first time competing.

The competition included students from both community colleges and universities across Mississippi. In addition to the contests, participants attended workshops focused on leadership, networking, and real-world business insights.

Further highlighting Coahoma's strong presence, Mrs. Kimberly Hollins was named the 2024 Mississippi Outstanding Adviser, recognizing her excellence in mentorship and leadership. The college now turns its focus to the FBLA National Leadership Conference, scheduled for May 31–June 2 in Dallas, Texas, where students will compete on a national stage.

FBLA is the world's largest career and technical student organization, helping over 230,000 members prepare for business careers through academic competitions, leadership development, and networking opportunities. Students interested in joining FBLA or learning more can contact Mrs. Hollins in the Lee Flowers Building, Room 201.

SUCCESS



PASSING THE TORCH

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

For Hertayshia Thomas, Coahoma Community College wasn't just the beginning of her academic journey—it was where she found a sense of purpose, belonging, and preparation for the future.

A native of Friars Point, Mississippi, Thomas attended Coahoma from 2015 to 2017. During her time on campus, she served as both a cheerleader and a student ambassador—roles that not only built her leadership skills but also deepened her connection to the college community.

“I really enjoyed just the home feel, the family feel that Coahoma gave,” Thomas said. “It was the start that I needed to get my start for my education journey.”

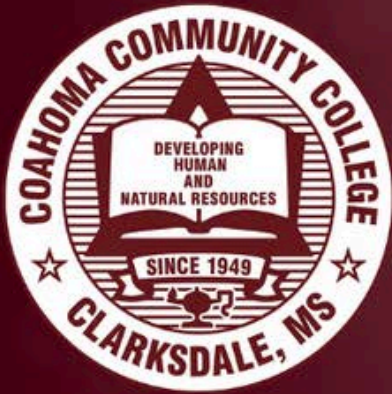
Now an elementary school teacher at Kirkpatrick Elementary, Thomas credits her time at Coahoma—and the people she met there—for shaping her path in education.

“Coahoma played a major role in my education journey,” she said. “I think Coahoma had some of the best professors. Dr. Hall was the best professor I had. She actually prepared me for university life.”

Her message to today's students is simple but heartfelt: “Please come. We need you at Coahoma.”

Thomas is the first feature in Coahoma's new Passing the Torch: Alumni Spotlight series, which celebrates graduates who continue to make an impact in their communities and beyond.





Passing the Torch Alumni Spotlight

Celebrate the Legacy of CCC Alumni

We're shining a light on Coahoma alumni who are making an impact—and we want YOUR help!

Know a Tiger doing great things in their career or community?
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